

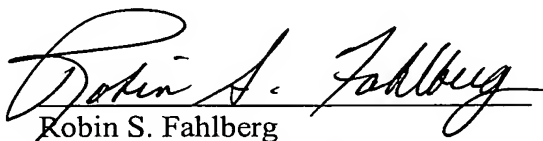
REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were submitted for examination December 18, 2001. Claims 2-3 and 7 were canceled and new claims 23-28 added in a Response dated July 21, 2003. In an Office Action dated September 3, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 6, 8, 11-13, 18 and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Klein; rejected claims 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Stone; rejected claims 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stone; and objected to claims 4-5, 9-10, 14-17 and 19-22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 6, 8, 11-13, 18 and 23-28 have been canceled. Claims 4-5, 9-10, 14-17 and 19-22 are now pending with amendment.

Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as claims 1, 6, 8, 11-13, 18 and 23-28 have been canceled. Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw his objection to claims 4-5, 9-10, 14-17 and 19-22 as they have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is in condition for allowance and allowance of the application at issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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